

Appln. No. 09/899,863
SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT
Docket No. NZK-128-1

REMARKS

Claims 2-3 and 30-35 are pending herein. By this Supplemental Amendment, Claims 1, 29, and 36, are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and Claims 2 and 30-35 are amended.

During April 2 and April 5, 2004 telephone conferences with Examiner Ulrike Winkler, the Examiner stated that the claim amendments would place the application in condition for allowance. In addition, because the application clearly sets forth genetic engineering techniques, the Examiner requested that the language "recombinant protein" be used in independent Claims 30-31 and their dependent claims. See, for example, paragraph [0014] and Example 2.

In light of the foregoing remarks, this application is in condition for allowance, and early passage of this case to issue is respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding this Amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application. If there are any discrepancies in the fees, please charge or credit our Deposit Account No. 501032 (Docket No. NZK-128-1).

Respectfully submitted,


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